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The Communist conspiracy would have made *much less* headway in the United States were it not for the substantial support given by guillible good Americans who carelessly joined Red fronts and backed Red causes.

And the prevailing Communist threat would be *far less* dangerous but for the invaluable assistance the Red conspirators continue to receive from innocent but credulous anti-Communists.

For many months now the Communist movement has been getting its most helpful encouragement and cooperation from those honest, completely loyal and patriotic Americans who parrot the insidious line:

"I agree with Senator McCarthy's objectives, but I disapprove of his methods."

Good people who say this just don't know what they're talking about. Such a remark is an admission that they know nothing of Joe McCarthy's methods. They are merely repeating a foul fiction promoted by a powerful Red propaganda network.

There is nothing wrong with Senator McCarthy's effective methods.

The Communists and their dupes and stooges, whose influence extends into the newspapers, magazines, radio and television, with the help of New Deal fanatics in both major political parties, have completely misrepresented Senator McCarthy to the American public. He has been called a Hitler, a Himmler and a Stalin. They have falsely accused him of "character assassination," "branding innocent people with the Communist label," "making charges without proof," "indulging in fanciful exaggerations," "resorting to smears and slanders," "making unsubstantial accusations," "abusing and browbeating and infringing the civil rights of witnesses" and "hiding behind Congressional immunity."

Many people have been taken-in by this campaign of abuse, vilification and falsehood, despite the fact that not a single critic of Senator Mc-

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Carthy's methods — no Communist, no Socialist, no self-styled "Liberal," No ADAer, no New or Fair Dealer has yet been able to cite a single specific instance where the Senator has resorted to the abuses of which he is accused.

Just what are Senator McCarthy's methods?

A brief survey contrasting the false charges with the plain facts will prove illuminating.

Does Senator McCarthy make unsubstantial accusations?

This charge was first heard when Joe McCarthy made his first speech on Communists in the State Department in early 1950 at a Lincoln Day dinner at Wheeling, West Virginia. When assigned by the Republican National Committee to make this speech he knew little or nothing about his subject, so he called in a friend who was an expert on Communism in Government. This friend, Willard Edwards, a newspaperman known nationally for his factual reporting, gathered the evidence and helped with the text.

In this speech Senator McCarthy made two principal charges. He referred to a letter written by former Secretary of States Byrnes to Congressman Sabath in which Mr. Byrnes said that the State Department's loyalty board had found 284 "bad security risks" among new employees, and that 79 of them had been discharged.

Senator McCarthy wanted to know why the other 205 "bad security risks" hadn't been fired, too? *A logical and vital question.*

The Senator also said that while he did not have the names of the 205 referred to in Mr. Byrnes' letter, he did have the names of 57 other employees of the State Department who either were members of or loyal to the Communist Party.

Senator McCarthy asked why these Communists or pro-Communists were still on the State Department payroll? *A pertinent inquiry.*

Everything that the Senator said was true; no one has ever attempted to refute these facts, they just tried to distort what was said.

Who could disapprove of this method of bringing a deplorable and inexcusable case of Government-coddled subversion to public attention?

Does Senator McCarthy make charges without proof?

On his return to Washington from Wheeling the Senator was challenged to prove his charges, which he did in a speech to the Senate. He had a copy of the Byrnes letter. He exhibited photostats of documents and read excerpts from FBI reports, the originals of which were in the "loyalty" files of the State Department. He suggested that the Senate secure these files and verify the facts.

Who could disapprove of this method of submitting evidence in support of such serious charges, along with a request for verification.

Does Senator McCarthy falsely brand innocent people with the Communist label?

In his Senate speech Joe McCarthy used code numbers to identify Government employees about whom he was presenting evidence. He was interrupted five times by Democratic Senate leader Scott Lucas with insistent demands that he name names. In answer, Senator McCarthy said:

"The names are available. But if I were to give all the names involved, it might leave a wrong impression. If we should label one man a Communist when he is not a Communist, I think it would be too bad. I think the sensible thing to do would be to have a proper committee go over the whole situation."

Who could disapprove of this fair and decent method of protecting persons from possible false labeling, while at the same time doing the disagreeable patriotic job of exposing subversion?

When Senator McCarthy appeared before the Tyding Committee to testify, he declared:

"I personally do not favor presenting names, no matter how conclusive the evidence is. The Committee has called me this morning, and in order to intelligently present this information I must give names. I think this should be done in executive (secret) session. I think it would be better. . . ."

Who could disapprove of this careful method of trying to protect the names of "innocent" people?

Does Senator McCarthy indulge in fanciful exaggeration?

During the Tydings Committee hearings Joe McCarthy publicly named and presented evidence against six State Department employees, all of whom, despite being white-washed by Tydings, have since been separated from the Government payroll. He named three others who previously had severed their connection. He also submitted 81 names to the Committee in secret session, names which have never been made public. Taking all these together, and adding the 205 "bad security risks," Senator McCarthy has cited the total of 295 employees of the State Department.

Since then, however, despite the Tydings Committee white-wash, the violent opposition of President Truman and Dean Acheson, and the slow pace at which the new Eisenhower Administration has been operating in the "loyalty" field, a total of 451 Communists, pro-Communists and "bad security risks" have been separated from the State Department.

Who could disapprove of Senator McCarthy's effective method of purging the Federal payroll of Communists, subversives and 'security risks'?

Does Senator McCarthy resort to smears and slanders?

His most serious charge was Senator McCarthy's accusation that Owen Lattimore was "a top Soviet espionage agent." Lattimore and his friends screamed "smear and slander." The Tydings Committee gave Lattimore a clean bill of health.

But last year the McCarran Committee made a real investigation of Lattimore's connections with the Communist movement, and called him "a conscious, articulate instrument of the Soviet conspiracy." It also accused him of lying under oath. Then he was indicted on nine counts of perjury.

Who could disapprove of Senator McCarthy's method in securing enough evidence to show up Soviet agent Lattimore and in making it public?

Does Senator McCarthy engage in "character assassination?"

This is a misnomer; there is no such thing. It is impossible to kill character. A man's character is what he is. But, a man's reputation, (which is what people think he is) can be destroyed. And if a man has a phony reputation, it should be debunked, which is what Senator McCarthy did with careful and accurate information in the cases of Millard Tydings and William Benton and George Marshall and Owen Lattimore.

Does Senator McCarthy hide behind Congressional immunity?

From the very beginning Joe McCarthy has repeatedly offered to waive immunity if an accused Communist would consent to have his "loyalty" file made available in any lawsuit. He offered to name names and repeat his charges on a radio program, but the moderator firmly declined. He also offered to supply names and charges to the newspapers and wire services, but they rejected his offer. They needed immunity to protect themselves.

Over a year ago Senator McCarthy named the names and repeated all his charges in his book "McCARTHYISM . . . the Fight for America," and no one has sued him yet.

Does Senator McCarthy abuse and browbeat and infringe the civil rights of witnesses?

Reading the transcripts of a few McCarthy Committee hearings will convince the most confirmed skeptic that witnesses are not castigated, they are asked questions. Some witnesses may feel abused and browbeaten at persistent efforts to get them to answer the \$64. question, "Are you now, or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party," or other questions about their possible involve-

ment in Communist activities or Red espionage. Some feel that to ask such questions is an infringement of their civil rights, though they decline to answer, pleading the 5th Amendment.

Senator McCarthy conducts his hearings exactly as every other Senate committee has ever been operated, excepting the Tydings Committee.

However, during recent hearings on Red espionage in the Government Printing Office, in an attempt to be more than fair, Senator McCarthy permitted counsel for a witness to prepare questions which the Committee then proceeded to ask his client, an unheard of privilege to be extended in a Congressional hearing.

Senator McCarthy also has taken the precaution to hear all witnesses in closed sessions before being called at open hearings so that if any "innocents" persons are named they will have an opportunity to clear themselves. As a result many who became involved through stupidity or carelessness have escaped the embarrassment of having their "innocent" indiscretions publicized.

Who, in all fairness and honesty, could disapprove of such decent and honorable methods?

Yet, there are people who will continue to violently attack Senator McCarthy's "methods." And too many of them will have good guilty reasons not to like his persistence, his constant digging for information and evidence, and his searching questions, all of which, on so many occasions, have brought to light the most sordid kind of subversion that was kept hidden by the Trumans and the Achesons when other investigators used less effective methods.

But no good citizen, no loyal American will disapprove of what Senator McCarthy has been doing, nor of how he has been doing it.

A few weeks ago at a diplomatic dinner in Washington one of our American intelligentsia made a nasty crack about Senator McCarthy. In what appeared to be a polite attempt to change the subject, a distinguished European Ambassador interrupted to inquire: "Do you like chicken?"

The American said he sure did, especially Southern fried chicken.

"And," the Ambassador persisted, "do you kill the chicken and remove the entrails and clean it?"

The horrified American protested that HE wouldn't think of doing such a thing.

"All right," said the diplomat pointedly, "you like the result but you do not like the dirty work. It is the same with people who criticize your Senator McCarthy. Someone has to do the unpleasant tasks so that you can enjoy a government without Communists and homosexuals."

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"

—Edmund Burke

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